

FREEHOLD TWP CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

*****All contractors must possess a "Home Improvement Contractors Certification" from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office.***

Residential Decks

- ❑ Complete permit application; jacket, building subcode and certificate application.
- ❑ All contractors must provide a copy of the Home Improvement Contractors Certification. ***Applications will not be accepted without the required registration.***
- ❑ Survey to show location and size of proposed deck.
- ❑ Two sets of details drawings. Prepared by homeowner or licensed Architect. **Contractor may not draw the plans.**
- ❑ Permit will be processed for Zoning approval.
- ❑ Plans to include:
 - Footing locations
 - Footing depth – 36" minimum
 - Footing width – 12" minimum
 - Deck length, width and height.
 - Stair details and location.
 - Stair riser height – 8-1/4" maximum.
 - Stair tread depth – 9" minimum.
 - Stair width – 36" minimum.
 - Handrail height – 30" – 38" on at least 1 side with 4 or more risers, graspable –1-1/4" to 2-5/8" in diameter. Ends will be returned, or shall terminate the newel posts or safety terminals.
 - Guardrail height 36" minimum when more than 30" above grade.
 - Baluster spacing less than 4" in-between at widest space.
 - Size and spacing of posts, girders and joists.
 - Detail of girder with size and spans.
 - Detail of floor joists, size and spans.
 - Flooring type.
 - Ledger size, bolt size, and layout detail.
 - All hardware must be rust resistant, **only approved screws on joist hangers.**
 - Need grade and species of lumber.
- ❑ **Inspections required:**
 - Footings; when the holes are complete, before concrete is poured. Ledger must be bolted in place with drip cap flashing for footing inspection.
 - Framing or open deck is required with stairs installed
 - Final when deck is completely finished.